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Chief, Field Operations Staff, FBID

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1. A staff paper recommending limited expansion of Panama Post was completed and submitted to Chief, FBID during the month.

2. The IBM runs for the publication "Broadcasting Stations of the World" were completed by OCR during the month. The material has been turned over to Printing Services Division which will negotiate the printing contracts with the Government Printing Office. PSD estimates that the publication should be available for distribution in February 1962.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Because of poor circuit performance of the FBIS allocated circuit between Tokyo and Headquarters, (routed via Seattle), the Defense Communication Agency assigned FBIS a new circuit path which is routed via San Francisco. To permit immediate use of the new path, the existing local circuit at the terminal was transferred to the new circuit. When a second local circuit, which is being requisitioned, is obtained, FBIS will have two trans-Pacific allocated circuits.

b. To modernize the Tokyo Bureau communications center, the requisition of several modern relay units capable of 60 wpm and/or 100 wpm operations is being considered.

4. In response to a request by FBIS for information on press transmissions intercepted and identified by NSA, FBIS received IBM runs of teletype press transmissions in cyrillic and Arabic script and world-wide

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teletype and morse press transmissions. This information was forwarded to Bureaus concerned with a cyrillic cruising project.

5. FBIS has agreed, in response to an Interdepartmental request, to undertake an initial count of foreign broadcast transmitters in operation. After completion of this count, records will be maintained by the interested agencies from information supplied in the weekly Station and Program Notes. The first part of the FBIS contribution which includes all countries of Latin America, has been forwarded to clients at State, USIA, and Commerce. The initial count is scheduled to be completed by next June.

6. [redacted] of the BIS returned to Headquarters in mid-December having completed six weeks temporary duty at the Key West Post where he conducted a special Cuban cruising survey and assisted the Chief of the Post in routine monitoring activities. STAT

7. The Mediterranean Bureau recently procured special equipment to enable it to cover TASS radioteletype transmissions which are superimposed on Moscow domestic longwave frequencies. Material from these circuits is now being sampled and will be compared with that from circuits already on coverage. Initial reception is reported as satisfactory.

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